

shift was that of Merkle to third base, Kelly, a recruit, going to first. Even that wouldn't win for the Little Corporal Saturday and further changes are in prospect. The Giants look worse than at any time since McGraw has had the team.

Jack Ness, the first baseman who was thought released by the White Sox to Baltimore, is now a local semi-pro, a member of the Chicago Magnets. It is possible that Rowland is taking this way of keeping the Pacific coast man in the neighborhood in case of emergency. Saturday it was said the release of Ness to Baltimore would be recalled, as he might be needed here to replace Jack Fournier if the latter did not improve in his defensive work. By letting Ness play with the semi-pros Rowland reduces his roster and at the same time keeps the rookie within easy reach.

Yesterday's rain played havoc with the local amateur and semi-pro schedule, washing away all games.

Fred Van Riet, Sleipner A. C., won the first ten-mile bike race of the Belgian-American A. C. over North Side streets yesterday from a field of 64. Van Riet had a handicap of 4½ minutes. Kockler, the veteran, started from scratch and was placed 18th. Harry Carlson was second.

Rain forced a postponement of the speed trials at the Desplaines Speedway yesterday, where amateur drivers who are to participate in the western interclub trophy race May 20 have been busy tuning up their cars.

Mineralites knocked down 2,850 pins in the state bowling tournament at the Randolph alleys, taking temporary possession of second place. The other leaders were not threatened.

#### Soccer Scores

Joliet 2, Pullman 1.

Chi. Americans 2, Chi. Swedish 2.  
Corinthians 0, Amer. Bohemians 0.

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County treasurer's office announced that list of tax delinquents would be issued.

#### N. Y. C. IS HAVING ONE SLIPPED OVER ON IT

A bunch of telegraph operators, towermen and signalmen are slipping one over on the N. Y. C. railroad. The line is threatened with a telegraphers' strike and in a little office on Federal street near Van Buren a man is willing to pay telegraphers \$1.50 a day to remain on reserve. For this \$1.50 you sign an agreement to work for the road at their regular rates and to receive board and lodging till your service are no longer required.

The fact that the job will be taking the place of union men isn't making a bit of difference to a number of operators working in the offices of the Postal and Western Union here. They just report once a day and collect their pay. But very few of the men who have signed this unofficial contract will go out and work when the strike is called. They will do what a bunch of Western Union operators did when they permitted the company to transfer them to St. Louis to break a telegraphers' strike there.

After sleeping all night and eating a hearty breakfast at one of the best hotels, the operators walked out to see the sights and failed to return. Some of the fellows who have signed up with the N. Y. C. are very frank in saying that they don't intend to go to work if the strike is called.

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#### MOVEMENT ON TO CLOSE BARBER SHOPS ON SUNDAY

Four hundred barbers cheered a promise to close their shops on Sunday at a mass meeting in favor of Sunday closing held at 175 W. Washington st., yesterday. C. E. Foley, Pottsville, Penn., told the men how he had closed up the shops on Sunday in his home town and how he proposed to do the same thing in Chicago. A campaign will be started soon to close all shops on Sunday before Labor day.